

Shamokin Creek Restoration Alliance
Meeting Agenda
January 10, 2023 at 6:30pm
Shamokin Library

Call To Order

Correspondence

Treasurer's Report

Financial Transactions

- Website renews Feb 02, 2023 \$252.00

Old Business

- SCRA Officers and Director positions open
- Quaker Run Stream Rehabilitation Project
 - Waiting on GG+, Grant was submitted June 24th
 - DEP EE grant tied to completion
 - Contractor currently removing trees. E&S provisions in place.
- Growing Greener Plus
 - \$550,000 request
 - When are announcements?
- EPA reoccurring meeting
 - Next meeting January 30th via Microsoft Teams. Any member is welcome to join.
- DEP EE Grant
 - Can build restroom raingarden when restroom foundations are completed, Spring 2023
- Pennsylvania Bureau of Charitable Organizations
 - November 2022 deadline to renew has passed
 - Who is handling application renewal? – **ACTION NEEDED**
- ARIPPA Project
 - Construction phase complete.
 - Mark Stansberry Vo-Tech students are working on sign design.
- Meeting with Boy Scouts postponed until further date
 - Contact in the spring
- DCED Request
 - Received RFP's from four engineering firms – **ACTION NEEDED**
- Schedule meeting with Coal Township
 - Nothing materialized yet.
- Future Coal Region Field Station Collaborations
 - Bucknell University Engineering students
 - Professor Matt Higgins
 - Students want tour of watershed
- Bucknell University study of site 15
 - Professor Lorelei Curtain

- Maybe engage about sludge removal
- Bloomsburg University
 - Study of Dark Run
 - Professors Cynthia Venn and Jennifer Whisner
 - They will be reaching out
 - Students want tour of watershed
- Rebuilding Shamokin City Workshop
 - SCRA will be speaking
 - February 7th and 8th Mother Cabrini Church basement, public welcome
- Reading Coal Company Meeting
 - Is Reading proposing a reclamation project or asking SCRA to initiate?
- Commissioner's Lake Information
 - No need for SCRA to be involved at this time
 - DEP preparing Scope of Work for engineering consultants
- Lourdes Environmental Club
 - Started discussion
 - Multiple teachers involved
 - Shared DEP EE information
- Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence
 - Application submitted Dec 2022
- County Land Projects
 - Carbon Run tour with EIP scheduled for Jan 26 @ 9:00AM, meet at AOAA office
- Susquehanna University
 - Student Research
- Stream Restoration Incorporated
- Infrastructure Funding Opening Oct 24th
 - EIP Follow up Email
 - Tetra Tech next steps
- FEMA BRIC Grant
 - Asked Kulpmont Borough Engineer to Submit LOI by End of Business Day Tomorrow
 - Grant Submitted
- Venn Access Weir
 - Follow-up work needed for stream stabilization. Funding options? - **DISCUSS**

New Business

- PA Association of Watersheds
 - February Grant Request
 - John Dawes recommends the SCRA apply for \$20K to assist with the preparation needed to apply for federal infrastructure funds – **DISCUSS**
- Bucknell intern approved for additional GIS work (Ben Shimer).
 - Ben returns to class Jan 16 – who can meet with him to discuss goals? – **DISCUSS**
- Reengage Degenstein Foundation
 - Grant submitted Monday 12-12-22, no updates yet
- 2023 Membership Mailing.
 - Who is writing/contributing to the letter?
 - Who do we want to send them to beyond membership list? - **DISCUSS**
- STREAMS Act
- Sierra Club Reimbursement

- Request submitted, no response from Sierra Club yet. Informed it could take 8 weeks.

- Growing Greener Grant Close-Out Buck Run & Quaker Run Assessment
 - Final report and request for reimbursement have been submitted
- Art Students Writing and Directing Cartoon about SCRA
 - Mark Stansberry
 - Winning Prize
- Americorp Vista Senior over 55 Volunteers
 - Diakon Group Request to expand to Northumberland County
 - Request has been submitted to Regional Director
- Addition funding sources: - **DISCUSS**
 - Central Susquehanna Community Foundation
 - Williams
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- Meeting minutes
- Future agendas

Adjournment

- Next meeting – Feb 14, 2023